

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

We were informed by a gentleman on Saturday last that a band of "Regulators" are in the habit of collecting at or near the Washington Depot, upon the arrival of the trains from Baltimore, for the purpose of watching Baltimoreans, whom they may attack, and shamefully maltreat, if they do not outright.

We understand, also, that there is a more extensive organization of these Regulators in Washington than ever before—that a certain Democrat was waited upon a few days ago by a party of them, who presented him with a copy of their constitution, containing one hundred and fifty names. He gave fifty cents to get rid of them. We have reason to believe that there is now organizing in our midst a formidable band of the most desperate and lawless characters, whose deeds of violence and blood are winked at by those in whose charge the peace, and order, and quiet of the city are placed. This organization is eminently Democratic, and has for its object the success of the Democratic ticket for Mayor and Council in June next. This Democratic organization of all the lawless and vicious—this gathering together of the elements of discord at home and abroad—is characteristic of that party. Who does not know that the result of the late Presidential election was achieved by the most daring and outrageous frauds upon the ballot-box, and by the most extensive bribery and corruption ever practiced. In the State of Pennsylvania, alone, hundreds of thousands of dollars were expended—how disposed of, it is not at all difficult to imagine. It was expended in the purchase of constitutional votes—in the purchase of whisky, without which the Irish wing of the bastard Democracy could not be brought to the scratch. Bribery and corruption, meanness, and the most contemptible use of the most contemptible means—slandering, lying, defamation, traducing of character—are the weapons of these new-fangled Democrats who have no more sympathy with, or regard for, the memory or principles of Thomas Jefferson than has the heart of the murderer with the heart of the victim which his knife has pierced.

For instances of the practice of this double-distilled and most contemptible meanness, we need not travel out of the bounds of our own city. Men who occupy positions, heretofore deemed honorable, and filled only by men of worth and character and respectability; but now, alas, occupied by men who command neither the respect nor the confidence of the respectable portion of the community—men elected to offices which they are not worthy to fill, who have not, never had, and never can have, where they are known, characters sufficiently pure and honorable to admit them into the society of the good and virtuous—are every day evidencing to the public their unfitness for the positions to which they have been exalted.

The kennel and the racetrack, the low and pestilent grogery, the gambling saloon and the bawdy-house, are the places most frequented by men of their ilk. In such places as these, surrounded by the vile, the vulgar, the profane, and lawless, characters for usefulness and honorable distinction are not found. The associations of youth and early manhood, are apt to be the favored associations of more mature age, and hence it is not matter of surprise that men whose school of morals has been the "school for scandal," should, when mistakenly elevated above their proper sphere, prefer their earlier associations, however vulgar and disgraceful, to the company of better men, for whose society they have been unexpectedly introduced.

Thus we find men elected to office, who, instead of studying to promote the interests of the city, spend their time in sneaking about the public offices on the scent of Know-Nothings. They are daily to be seen sneaking around the Departments, sometimes with their noses to the earth; and when they have winded one of these unfortunate, they will hear them give tongue and see them start off in quick pursuit upon the trail, with their coat tails straight out behind them.

One of these "do little" run foul of a snag some time ago, and had some unweome truths poked at him, crying ki yi, ki yi, most lustily. He ought not to forget the lesson; nor has he altogether forgotten it, for he does not now appear so much in person, but has procured the services of one of his early associates, who runs the game down for him, while he, being intimately acquainted with all the doings of the chase, is sure to be in at the death.

Have a care, sir. Insignificant as you are, there are some things not dreamed of in the philosophy of many, which you would not like to have made public. Let better men than yourself alone. If they are Americans, they are entitled to their opinions. They are men principle, which makes up the immeasurable distance between you and them. Mind your own concerns.

Alas, for Washington! Given over to the tender mercies of ruthless men, whose example and influence tend to demoralization and anarchy, our youth are corrupted—their talents prostrated, and themselves ruined mentally and physically. Instead of the bright hopes and pleasant anticipations of parents and friends, founded upon the most tender and anxious care in infancy and youth, and the most untiring efforts to implant in their young minds virtuous principles, which they fondly believed had taken root, and would, in good time, produce the fruits so anxiously looked and hoped for, in an evil hour they became the subjects of temptation, rendered irresistibly attractive by the position of the tempter, and fell; victims to the full seductions of those who once professed, but never possessed, principles of their own.

And now these young men, in the company of their seducers, are to be found in the gambling halls and hells of Washington, on their way to ruin—a ruin so complete and awful that the mind grows sick from the contemplation—a ruin not merely temporal but eternal. And they would seek to fasten this damning administration upon the people! Well, if they do, it will most conclusively prove that the majority of the people of Washington prefer the road to ruin, to that path which leads to peace, prosperity, and contentment.

POLICE REPORTS.—The officers of the City Police reported to the Chief of Police eighty-four cases which came into their hands during the week ending Saturday, the 5th inst, as follows:

First Ward, seven cases; Second Ward, 5 cases; Third Ward, 23 cases; Fourth Ward, 18 cases; Fifth Ward, 16 cases; Sixth Ward, 11 cases; Seventh Ward, 9 cases; total 84.

ISAAC STODDARD, convicted of riot last June, was yesterday pardoned by this President.

CITY COUNCIL.—*Board of Aldermen.*—The following resolution was offered by Mr. Smith, from the Seventh ward:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby requested, to cause a statement to be furnished to this board of the amount of appropriations, and the object for which they were made, since the 30th day of June last, specifying such as have been carried out by him, and such as have not.

At the last meeting of the board it was made to appear by the Alderman from the Fourth ward, that there was standing to the credit of the Corporation \$17,000. Now, it appears that the Corporation is in debt to the amount of \$1,055,155 20. Jehovah! Verily, it is time the people know all about the financial condition of the Corporation. When shall we have the statement? We trust the Alderman from the Seventh Ward will continue his demand upon the Mayor until the required exhibit is forthcoming. We think he deserves the thanks of the people for his efficient disclosure of the truth.

In the lower Board, a bill was passed appropriating \$696.80 for grading Twenty-third street.

It was stated by Mr. Brown that it was the opinion of Capt. Meigs, that water would be introduced into Pennsylvania avenue by the first of December next.

ROWDINESS IN WASHINGTON.—For a time, a portion of the press in Washington seemed to be resolved to add a stigma upon Baltimore as the mob city of the Union—look for them, in robbery, murder, and other kinds of violence and outlaws, Washington certainly eclipses Baltimore at the present time—for scarcely a night or day passes which is not marked by some gross outrage. The police of that city seems to be entirely worthless, or, peculiarly unfortunate, as criminals are seldom arrested and punished. But it is alleged, that a majority of the disorderly persons in that city come from Baltimore. If this be granted, it would only show that the police of our city are so active and indefatigable in the pursuit of criminals, as to render it necessary for them to leave the city, and to resort to a place where there is not so much vigilance practiced.

Where are Captain Tyler's marines, who proved themselves to be expert in shooting innocent people in Washington? Cannot they be brought to use in the suppression of crime in that city? They were ready enough to use their shooting irons when there was no occasion for them, and by which they deprived 10 or 12 innocent persons of their lives—and we would suggest the propriety of incorporating them into the police establishment—for it has an ugly appearance to have the Capital of the nation given up to murderers and criminals of every grade, with little or no effort made to arrest their unlawful proceedings. We hope that we shall hear nothing more from the Washington press on the subject of rowdiness in Baltimore, as Washington goes ahead of our city all to nothing, in acts of violence. We wish that the civil authorities there would make an energetic effort to retrieve their city from the stigma under which it now rests.—*Baltimore Clipper.*

CRIMINAL COURT.—The Court, after the Grand Jury had called, took up the case of the United States vs. John Cunningham, charging the defendant with assault and battery with intent to kill a negro boy, Norris for the defense. Verdict guilty, and sentenced by the Court to three years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The case of Edgar Patterson was then taken up, charging the defendant with stealing one copper pipe, valued at one dollar. Verdict, not guilty.

The Court took up John Cunningham again, on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill Edward Burnham. It appeared in evidence that Burnham, who was a stranger in the city, was sitting in Mr. Kirby's restaurant on the night the affair occurred, when John Cunningham entered and provoked an affray with him, during which he shot at him with a pistol, two balls from which entered the breast of his overcoat.

The jury found a verdict of guilty, and Cunningham was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, to take place from and after the expiration of the former sentence.

James Melville, indicted for the larceny of four pairs of scissors was put on trial. Mr. W. B. Rooker, counsel for the defendant, submitted the case, and the Court sentenced the prisoner to a term of three months imprisonment in the county jail.

The next case was one charging John Cunningham, William Lutton, and John Welsh with riot and affray in the bar-room of Mr. Kirby's restaurant. Mr. Norris for the defense. Verdict of guilty as to Welsh and Lutton, and not guilty as to Cunningham.

The counsel for defense put in a motion for a new trial, on the ground of verdict against evidence.

There was no petit jury on Wednesday. The Court, after hearing argument on the motion for a new trial of William Lutton and John Welsh, convicted on Tuesday of rioting, refused the prayer, and accordingly the two prisoners received their sentence, each of five months imprisonment in jail, and five dollars fine, and were prayed in commitment till the fine was paid.

IMPORTANCE.—An Irishman, living in the First Ward, made application to the proper source, representing himself as in a destitute condition, and obtained one-third of a cord of wood. Not satisfied with this, he applied again, under an assumed name, and was furnished with a second third of a cord. Still unsatisfied, he again applied, using still another name, and was supplied with the third third of a cord of wood. This man, it has been ascertained, has constant employment in Georgetown, is in the regular receipt of a liberal salary from his employer, and instead of needing assistance himself, was abundantly able to extend aid to others, if his mean and contemptible soul would have permitted him. Now, what ought to be done with such a fellow? He obtained this wood by falsely representing himself as poor and needy. He obtained it by uttering a base lie, and thus robbed the really necessitous of the aid intended for them. Any one but a conscious Irishman, it seems to us, would have been satisfied with this—but this fellow forgot another man's name, and obtained a second and a third supply of fuel, thus perpetrating still further wrong against the really poor and needy. The cheat was discovered, and when his demerit was visited, it was found to be supplied with everything necessary to the most complete comfort.

Friends to the deserving poor, if you mistrust anything wrong about an application for relief, you may be certain of it if the applicant is an Irishman.

MR. J. T. MAXWELL was, on Tuesday night, knocked down and robbed, as he was returning from the President's levee by a fellow who followed and struck him from behind with a slung shot.—This occurred near the corner of Twelfth and G streets, about twelve o'clock.

LAND WARRANTS.—On the ninth instant, were selling in New York at the following rates:

	Buying	Selling
40-acre warrants, per acre	100c	105c
80 "	85	87
120 "	80	82
160 "	85	87

OUTRAGEOUS.—On Thursday evening, about 7 o'clock, a lady, accompanied by her son, a lad, walking along Seventh street, near the Centre Market, was assailed by one of the Imps of Satan who infest our city. She fled, was pursued and overtaken on Pennsylvania avenue near Ninth street, where she was seized by the ruffian. Some gentlemen here interfered, and rescued the lady. The villain afterwards insulted a gentleman by the name of Baxter, from Virginia, who immediately knocked him down. Finding himself in a bad fix, the fellow played drunk, and thus saved himself from more severe chastisement. He was arrested by an officer, and taken to the guard house, where he gave his name as John Collins, of Virginia.—Justice Dobb held him for a further hearing.

FIRE.—On Thursday night about nine o'clock, a fire broke out in a small shop occupied by a shoemaker, on the west side of Twelfth street, between H and I streets. It communicated to a stable adjoining, belonging to Mr. George Stewart, which was destroyed, though happily several valuable horses in it were removed in good time. The fire then extended, the wind being very high from the northwest, to the adjacent dwelling occupied by Mr. Franklin Myers, which was consumed, together with four others. The difficulty to get water was very great.

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL.—Dennis McGee, who has just got out of jail, yesterday evening about four o'clock, made an assault upon Police Officer Daw, whom he accused of being the means of convicting him, stating that he would go again for him, and immediately commenced beating him on the head. He was arrested by Officer Lucas.—Officer Daw is not expected to survive, we are informed.

APPOINTMENTS.—The President has appointed Col. Wm. Selden, United States Marshal for the District.

Mr. Wm. Flynn, Navy Agent.

Dr. Jones, City Postmaster.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—Potomac District.—John Latham, Presiding Elder.

Alexandria, D. N. Brown, R. R. S. Hough, A. Griffith, sup.

Georgetown, W. B. Edwards, W. R. White, sup.

West Georgetown and Tennytown, William F. Speake.

WASHINGTON—FOUNDRY.—Wm. H. Nadell; Wesley Chapel, L. F. Morgan; Waugh Chapel, Theodore M. Carson; McKendree Chapel, Dabney Ball; East Washington, W. H. Chapman; Ebenezer, to be supplied; Ryland Chapel, S. Rodgers; Grouch Chapel, Henry N. Sipes; Union Chapel, J. N. Coombs, W. O. Lumsden, sup.; Fletcher and Providence, H. C. McDaniel, M. A. Turner, sup.; Assembly and Mount Zion, J. W. Hoover.

DAILY UNION PRAYER MEETING in the First Presbyterian Church, Four and a half street, at a quarter before five o'clock P. M. This meeting has been largely attended during the week, the house being well filled. The exercises are very interesting. Ministers and leading members from all the churches in the city are present. It is, indeed, a union meeting. It continues every one hour.

Many of our business men are present. The meetings begin and close punctually at the time, so that any person can calculate exactly how long he will be occupied.

THE LECTURE.—The subject of Rev. MASON NORRIS's Lecture on to-morrow afternoon, at the Sixth Church, at half-past three o'clock will be—

"The temptation in the wilderness."

These Lectures comprise the history of our Saviour from his birth to his ascension into heaven, and are intensely interesting and abundantly profitable to all who listen to them with a desire to be benefited. Go and hear them.

LAND WARRANTS.

There is some little depression in the market today, and prices have declined several cents per acre since our last report.

The following are the ruling rates to-day. For 80 acre warrants, 85 cents per acre. For 160 acre warrants, 85 cents per acre. For 120 acre warrants, 80 cents per acre. For 40 acre warrants, 94 cents per acre.

Since the advent of the slavery question into the active politics of this country, the tests of loyalty to the South have undergone so many and such various changes that it is difficult now to tell exactly how a man must stand to occupy a position of undoubted respectability among the friends of the "peculiar institution," and we must admit the impressions left upon our mind by what we have read of our country's history shows very different requirements now to what they were forty years ago, among pro-slavery men. We had always thought, until within a few years past, that the Missouri Compromise was a pet institution of Southern men, and that to say that it was founded on justice was enough to insure the veriest down-east Yankee a warm reception among us. Such, too, was the impression of very many whose earnest wish was to be true to the South; and when the popular judgment of the generation of 1850 discovered that Mr. CLAY and his co-workers had done slavery a grievous wrong by the test they had established, it must have been shocking, indeed, to the nerves of every Southern patriot to so suddenly discover the dangerous heresies which for thirty years he had maintained. Republican governments must, in their nature, be progressive, though, and the progress of that one short year has indeed done more to shake the destiny of our free country. 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